

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A computer system, comprising:

an input system that receives in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file on or accessible by the computer system as part of a file or document save operation;

a storage system that stores the property value of the document or file in electronic ink format; and

an ink access system that allows the operating system to access the stored property value in electronic ink format; and

a rendering system for rendering the stored property value in electronic ink format as part of a file preview operation.

wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink title for the document or file.

2-7 (canceled)

8 (previously presented): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the input system is activated in response to a command from an application program requesting activation of electronic ink input with respect to at least one document or file in the application program.

9-10 (canceled)

11 (previously presented): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the input system is further configured to receive from a user a change to the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

12 (currently amended): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes ~~at least one of an electronic ink title and an electronic ink author~~ identification.

13 (currently amended): A method, comprising:

receiving in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file on or accessible by a computer as part of a file or document save operation;

storing the property value of the document or file in electronic ink format;

providing operating system access to the stored property value in electronic ink format;

and

rendering the stored property value in electronic ink format as part of a file preview operation.

wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink title for the document or file.

14-20 (canceled)

21 (previously presented): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

receiving input from an application program activating an electronic ink input system for receiving the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

22-23(canceled)

24 (previously presented): A method according to claim 13, further including receiving from a user changes to the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

25 (canceled)

26 (currently amended): A method according to claim 13, wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes ~~at least one of an electronic ink title,~~ an electronic ink author identification, and an electronic ink comment.

27 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium including computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing a method, comprising:

receiving in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file on or accessible by a computer as part of a file or document save operation;

storing the property value of the document or file in electronic ink format;

providing operating system access to the stored property value in electronic ink format;

and

rendering the stored property value in electronic ink format as part of a file preview operation.

wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink title for the document or file.

28-34 (canceled)

35 (previously presented): A computer-readable medium according to claim 27, wherein the method further includes:

receiving input from an application program activating an electronic ink input system for receiving the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

36-37 (canceled)

38 (previously presented): A computer-readable medium according to claim 27, wherein the method further includes receiving from a user changes to the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

39 (canceled)

40 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium according to claim 27, wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes ~~at least one of an electronic ink title, an~~ electronic ink author identification, and an electronic ink comment.

41 (previously presented): A method, comprising:

sending a command from an application program to an operating system, wherein the command requests activation of an electronic ink entry region for changing a property value stored in electronic ink format of a document or file on the application program;

receiving the command in the operating system;

sending a user interface including the electronic ink entry region to the application program; and

displaying the user interface including the electronic ink entry region with the property value in electronic ink format, the electronic ink entry region adapted to receive electronic ink input to change the property value stored in electronic ink format of the document or file.

42 (previously presented): A method according to claim 41, wherein the command is sent from the application program to the operating system as part of a call requesting return of the user interface and activation of a process for changing the property value stored in electronic ink format of the document or file present on the application program.

43 (previously presented): A computer-readable medium including computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing a method, comprising:

receiving a command from an application program at an operating system, wherein the command requests activation of an electronic ink entry region for changing a property value stored in electronic ink format of a document or file on the application program; and

sending a user interface including the electronic ink entry region to the application program in response to the command; and

displaying the user interface including the electronic ink entry region with the property value in electronic ink format, the electronic ink entry region adapted to receive electronic ink input to change the property value stored in electronic ink format of the document or file.

44 (previously presented): A computer-readable medium according to claim 43, wherein the command is sent from the application program to the operating system as part of a call requesting return of the user interface and activation of a process for changing the property value stored in electronic ink format of the document or file present on the application program.